



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, August 7, 2011

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.1
Soil moisture supplies: 24% very short, 31% short, 42% adequate, and 3% surplus

Field Crops Report

Temperatures reached into triple digits at many locations statewide. Scattered showers were received throughout much of the state last week, slowing the progress of field work. Soil moisture was slowly being replenished in the southeastern part of the state, and most crops in the area showed improvement due to rain. Rice harvest was in full swing; yields and grain moisture varied from farm to farm. Sorghum harvest continued. Two percent of soybeans had dropped leaves, five points behind the five-year average. Sugarcane producers started to plant sugarcane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were busy harvesting cucumbers, eggplants, melons and tomatoes. Strawberry producers prepared fields for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to cut hay as weather permitted.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	98	84	97	92
	Harvested	33	18	35	19
Cotton	Setting Bolls	98	96	94	96
	Bolls Opening	24	20	16	8
Hay	Second Cutting	70	67	86	75
Peaches	Harvested	97	91	88	95
Rice	Headed	92	86	97	93
	Ripe	45	23	41	47
	Harvested	19	4	16	19
Sorghum	Coloring	98	85	96	89
	Mature	75	34	64	49
	Harvested	21	5	37	18
Soybeans	Blooming	97	95	99	98
	Setting Pods	91	86	87	90
	Turning Color	17	12	24	26
	Dropping Leaves	2	N/A	5	7
Sugarcane	Planted	5	N/A	9	5
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	3	26	35	31	5
Corn	18	18	31	32	1
Sorghum	11	32	32	25	0
Soybeans	5	13	29	48	5
Rice	3	5	21	42	29
Sugarcane	10	15	34	34	7
Livestock	3	13	42	40	2
Vegetables	16	21	40	22	1
Sweet Potatoes	6	3	15	76	0
Pasture	14	19	39	26	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/01/11 TO 08/07/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	107	78	92	83	0.00	0.28	16.93	32.46
Minden	109	77	92	82	0.00	1.73	20.00	35.06
Mooringsport	(112)	79	96	MM	0.00	0.56	19.21	28.65
Shreveport South	111	76	93	MM	0.00	0.51	17.06	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	112	76	95	83	0.00	0.54	MM.MM	33.16
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	83	0.00	4.90	26.16	35.44
Homer/Hill Farm	107	74	91	82	0.00	2.10	20.42	35.06
Bienville 3 NE	MM	MM	MM	82	0.00	2.20	24.97	38.63
Farmerville	104	76	90	MM	0.11	4.57	22.57	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	107	74	90	83	0.06	2.10	MM.MM	36.13
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	103	78	90	82	0.00	0.76	27.24	38.37
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	83	0.00	3.25	30.85	36.81
Tallulah	100	76	88	82	0.13	3.17	30.01	38.10
Extreme/Average	103	76	89	83	0.07	3.17	MM.MM	37.37
4. West-Central								
Leesville	103	75	89	82	0.00	3.16	18.42	35.64
Ashland	106	73	90	82	0.00	0.01	20.07	35.05
Hodges Gardens	103	74	89	MM	0.00	1.39	18.38	35.36
Extreme/Average	106	73	MM	83	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	35.11
5. Central								
Alexandria	103	77	90	84	0.00	0.96	20.79	37.10
Jonesville Locks	MM	MM	MM	83	0.00	5.86	23.70	37.17
Eunice	98	76	87	84	0.00	4.64	20.90	36.58
Bunkie	100	77	88	83	0.07	3.94	20.72	38.60
New Roads 5 NE	MM	MM	MM	82	0.39	9.22	27.30	38.02
Extreme/Average	103	76	89	83	0.04	2.45	20.76	37.67
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.33	7.54	29.91	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.36	12.95	35.19	41.59
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	82	0.12	6.72	26.77	40.69
Slidell	93	(55)	83	82	2.48	15.31	30.20	40.15
Extreme/Average	93	55	83	82	2.48	15.31	30.20	41.27
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	104	76	90	83	0.00	1.25	19.59	37.47
Jennings	97	77	86	82	0.00	5.57	24.00	36.37
LSU-Crowley	95	76	86	82	0.00	4.61	25.86	37.20
Oberlin Fire Tow	100	73	87	83	0.00	4.26	20.49	41.00
Extreme/Average	104	73	86	83	0.00	5.57	24.00	37.20
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	95	75	85	82	0.79	6.41	24.53	38.61
LSU-Jeanerette	95	74	85	82	2.62	9.22	24.17	38.54
Morgan City	95	70	83	82	0.43	8.64	24.62	39.60
Lafayette	97	79	87	83	2.05	13.27	34.84	37.89
Extreme/Average	97	70	85	83	0.79	6.41	24.53	39.09
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	94	72	85	MM	1.05	10.22	20.85	34.79
Galliano	96	74	85	82	1.50	13.14	32.23	41.33
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	84	1.02	8.67	21.45	40.23
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.55	11.16	31.59	40.93
Extreme/Average	96	72	85	83	1.05	10.22	20.85	40.34
State Averages	112	55	88	83	0.51	5.70	23.64	38.87

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 7, 2011

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